bordering Nepal in 2-3 years till 1987. No large scale felling of trees was reported thereafter.

(c) The following steps have been taken by the State Government to prevent felling of trees in that area:—

(i) State Government has initiated the process of transfer of the said non-forests land to Forest and Environment Department for protection and its rehabilitation.

(ii) Local revenue, police and forest machineries have been geared up to prevent further felling of trees.

Submission of audited statements of accounts by service associations

34. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a statutory requirement to submit the audited statements of accounts by the service associations to the administration;

(b) if so, by which date the service associations are required to submit their audited statements of accounts; and

(c) whether all the service associations under the control of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension have submitted their audited statements of accounts for the last financial year; if not, the steps taken for the submission thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) As per clause 5(e) of the Central Civil Services (Recognition of Service Association) Rules, 1959 which are not operated at present, for purposes of giving recognition of serive associations, the audited statement of accounts of the service associations shall be furnished to the Govt. annually so as to reach them before the first July of each year.

(c) No, Sir. As the associations even now have to fulfil the major features of 1959 Rules, they have been asked to furnish the same.

Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests for industries

35. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is necessary for all industries to get clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests before they start construction; and

(b) what is the number of industries which have been delayed in starting production due to clearance from the Ministry during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir. Location of industries in ecologically sensitive and fragile areas, such as, Doon Valley, Agra-Mathura region and murul-Jangira is restricted as per guidelines of this Ministry. Further, wherever diversion of forest land is involved for any non-forest use, prior approval of the Central Government is necessary. If it is deemed necessary or expedient for the purpose of protecting and improving the quality of environment, for preventing, controlling and abating environmental pollution the Ministry has power for taking appropriate action under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

(b) The projects are referred to this Ministry at the stage of site selection/feasibility report or detailed project report stage. The question of delay to start any production does not arise at this stage.

Commissioning of Atomic Power Plant at Koodankulam

36. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Atomic Power Plant at Koodankulam in Tirunelvely, Tamil Nadu, is expected to be commissioned;